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The following information was submitted by an experienced SSS agent who travelled from RAVENSBURG (X-4011) and ELLWANGEN (S-7543) between 7 and 10 April. See Annex I for itinerary. See text for date of information. Evaluation B-2.

8 April:

1. Entire road from RAVENSBURG to ULM (X-6780) is defended by LMG and other trenches at approx 100 yard intervals in populated areas, and longer distances across country. The villages are defended by circular defenses in same manner (foxholes, LMG trenches) and all villages have their panzersperren (many incomplete). In wooded areas there are no trenches or MG trenches.

2. In RAVENSBURG a Landesschuetzenausbildungsbattalion (Landesschuetzen training bn) is stationed, mainly constituted of wounded and average troops armed with old weapons. At least 3 lazarets are in RAVENSBURG.

3. In WALDSEE (X-5126) several lazarets were seen. Many French political refugees in the town, as well as political refugees from FREIBURG. Arbeitsdienst Fuehrerinnen (women leaders of labor service), who had fled from Austria, are in the town.

4. In WALDSEE agent saw about 20 young SS officers without identification arm bands. In addition he saw 5 with "VIKING" and "WESTLAND" brassards. There were about 10 Wehrmacht officers in town, but almost no soldiers. The company of a Landesschuetzen Bn is in the town.

5. In most villages 2 to 3 SS officers and a small number of non-coms were stationed to supervise defenses and organize the resistance in the village from the men who were streaming back from the front.

10 April:

6. The BIBERACH (X-5346) RR station is in good condition.

7. Between X-586560 and X-592587 on right side of the road there is an air field, well camouflaged, with one large runway. Agent saw planes in heavily camouflaged barracks, camouflaged as hay stacks. Also about 20 barracks and gasoline dumps also camouflaged as haystacks. Saw in all 10 ME-109 and 10 Turbine planes, but there were places for planes.

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The area in which same was found was between X-586564, X-596565, X-591582, and X-593582. Agent also saw that the air field was partly plowed, but runway was untouched. Agent saw a Gen Lt of Luftwaffe whose car bore the flag of CG of LW Corps.

8. There is a school of SS female radio operators in HEIDENHEIM (S-7812) and ERFURT.

9. Agent saw in the region of HEIDENHEIM parts of SS Div "GOETZ von BERLICHINGEN", about 50 to 60 EM on way to div. No transports seen on whole trip.

10. In the HEIDENHEIM region agent saw 3 SS Zur Besonderen Verwendung (for special use) Bn constituted from officers, NCO's, and EM of the SS Ausbildungs und Ersatz Bn (training & replacement bn) No V, which took Wehrmacht personnel retreating south and put them into the ZBV.

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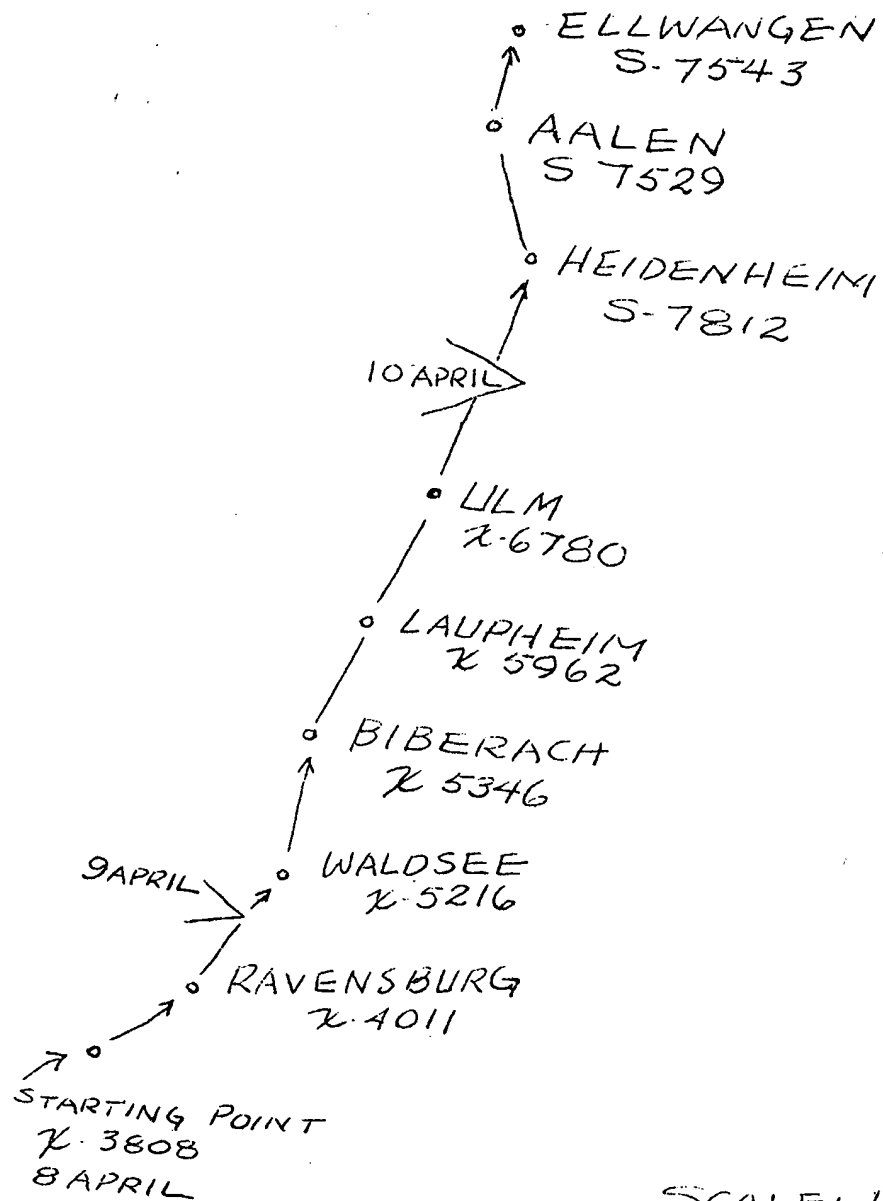
Annex I-Itinerary of Agent.

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